

ZYLBERSZAC (SILBERSCHATZ) Gustaw Godel Szmul (1894-1951), industrialist. He was born on 14th February 1894 in Częstochowa, the son of Izrael, owner of a sawmill at ul. Kazarmienna 19 (Jaskrowska), and Brandla née Zilbersztejn.

Prior to 1939, he ran the “Strug” company which, among other things, produced wooden toys and school pencil cases. He lived at ul. Kościuszki 27.

In 1941, during the German occupation, he was forced to live inside the ghetto. He survived the deportations in September and October 1942 and, later, worked in the German forced labour camp - HASAG-Pelcery in Częstochowa. In January 1945, together with his wife, he saw the Soviet army enter Częstochowa.

After the end of the war, he lived in Katowice for a short time and then returned to Częstochowa. He lived at ul. Berka Joselewicza 15 and regained the “Strug” factory, situated in Zawodzie, on ul. Mirowska.

He died at the end of 1951 and was buried in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery (grave No. 1399 I).

His wife was Hanka Chana née Gluba (13th December 1897 Turek-), the daughter of Chaim and Sura Bajla née Engel. After 1951, together with her daughter, she left for Israel and worked in the health service there.

Their daughter was Stefa, married surname Zawistowską who, during the German occupation, under the surname of “Leśniewska”, was hidden in an orphanage, run by Father Bolesław Wróblewski, at ul. Piotrowska 17. She graduated from the J. Słowacki Liceum in Częstochowa and then from the Medical Academy in Łódź. After gaining her medical degree, she left for Israel, where she worked as a doctor in Haifa.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 267. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 239; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 56. – Material from Andrzej Paszta of Częstochowa.

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